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on the invention entitled

"SPHEROIDALLY AGGLOMERATED BASIC COBALT (II) CARBONATE AND SPHEROIDALLY AGGLOMERATED COBALT (II) HYDROXIDE, PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE"

the specification of which is attached hereto,

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as a PCT Application Serial No. **PCT/EP96/02050**

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